

**HGM-139-A**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Saitou et al.  
Serial Number: Unknown  
Filed: Concurrently herewith  
Group Art Unit: Unknown  
Examiner: Unknown  
Confirmation No.: Unknown  
Title: CHECK VALVE AND A HYDRAULIC CONTINUOUSLY  
VARIABLE TRANSMISSION INCORPORATING SAME

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER MPEP §609**

Commissioner For Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

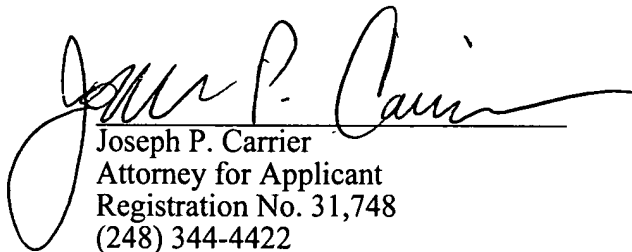
Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, §1.97, §1.98, and MPEP §609, applicant encloses copies of the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08A for consideration by the Examiner. The references are discussed in paragraphs [003] and [005] of the specification.

The listed references are being cited only in the interests of candor and without any admission that they constitute statutory prior art or contain matter which anticipates the present invention or which would render the same obvious, either singly or in combination, to a person of ordinary skill in the art.

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Customer Number 21828  
Carrier, Blackman & Associates, P.C.  
24101 Novi Road, Suite 100  
Novi, Michigan 48375  
17 March 2004

  
Joseph P. Carrier  
Attorney for Applicant  
Registration No. 31,748  
(248) 344-4422

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as Express Mail Certificate ET986049524US in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop Patent Application, Commissioner For Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria VA 22313-1450 on 17 March 2004.

Dated: 17 March 2004  
JPC/km  
enclosures

  
Kathryn MacKenzie

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449/PTO

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

*(Use as many sheets as necessary)*

**Complete if Known**

Application Number

Filing Date

First Named Inventor

Art Unit

Examiner Name

Attorney Docket Number

Saitou et al.

HGM-141-A

Sheet

1

of

1

## U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

[illegible]

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages Or Relevant Figures Appear	T <sup>6</sup>
		Country Code <sup>3</sup> *Number <sup>4</sup> *Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)	MM-DD-YYYY			
		JP 5-6166	1993			xx
		JP 06042446	02-15-1994	Honda Motor Co		xx
		JP 03089058	04-15-1991	Honda Motor Co		xx

Examiner  
Signature

Date  
Considered

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. <sup>1</sup> Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup> See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov) or MPEP 901.04. <sup>3</sup> Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup> For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup> Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. <sup>6</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

*If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.*